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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Grosse-Brinkhaus et al.

Serial No.: Unassigned

Filed: Herewith

For: AQUEOUS ELECTRODEPOSITION PAINTS, USE THEREOF, IN METHODS FOR COATING ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE SUBSTRATES AND USE OF BISMUTH COMPOUNDS IN SAID AQUEOUS ELECTRODEPOSITION PAINTS

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Examiner: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22202-3514 Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on PCT/EP2003/007747 filed on July 17, 2003.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 02-1201 any fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Please make the following amendments to the Application as set forth below.